GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether foodgrains have been exported from the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total stock of foodgrains, quantum of foodgrains allocated, released and lifted for export during the said period, grain-wise;

(c) the quantum of foodgrains released and lifted under the Public Distribution System (PDS) alongwith its issue price during the said period;

(d) whether the Government has permitted export of several food products from January, 2012; and

(e) if so, the details thereof indicating the names and quantum of the said products proposed to be exported during the ensuing year alongwith the name of the organisation proposed to undertake the said reports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)&(b): Export of wheat and non-basmati rice from the country were stopped w.e.f. 9-2-2007 and 01-04-2008 respectively. However, certain quantities of wheat and non-basmati rice were allocated for export on diplomatic basis/ humanitarian aid to friendly countries from time to time on the recommendations of the Ministry of External Affairs. Also, in the recent past, based on the requests from several State Governments as well as representations from various Farmers/Rice Millers Associations, the Government, after taking into consideration the record production, procurement and comfortable stock position of rice and wheat in the Central Pool/country, has allowed export of non-basmati rice and wheat on private account under Open General Licence(OGL). Details enclosed at Annexure-I

(c): Details enclosed as per Annexure-II.

(d)&(e): The Government has not permitted export of any new food product from January,2012 onwards. However, the Government on 7-2-2012 has permitted the export of additional 10 lakh tons of sugar during the current sugar year under Open General Licence(OGL) Thus, the quantity of sugar to be exported during the current year is 20 lakh tons by the Sugar Mills. The Government also approved (a) Export of 10,000 tons and 8424 tons of sugar to the European Union and United States respectively by Indian Sugar Exim Corporation (ISEC). (b) Export of sugar to fulfil commitments under Export Promotion Capital Goods(EPCG) subject to quantitative sugar ceiling of 1.16 lakh tons and (c) Re-export of 37,856.56 M.Ts of imported raw sugar stocks lying at Chennai and Kandla Port.